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Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2010, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fifth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 19th and 27th meetings, on 2 and 23 December 2010. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/65/SR.19 and 27).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 (A/65/535);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/65/586).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.13

4. At its 27th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti" (A/C.5/65/L.13), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Kenya.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.13 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1529 (2004) of 29 February 2004, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support continuation of a peaceful and constitutional political process and the maintenance of a secure and stable environment in Haiti,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1542 (2004) of 30 April 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for an initial period of six months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1944 (2010) of 14 October 2010, by which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Mission until 15 October 2011 and to maintain the current overall force level, which comprises a military component of up to 8,940 troops of all ranks and a police component of up to 4,391 police,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Recalling its resolution 58/311 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 64/278 of 24 June 2010,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007 and 64/269 of 24 June 2010, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti as at 30 November 2010, including the contributions

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[1] A/65/535.

[2] A/65/586.

outstanding in the amount of 213.0 million United States dollars, representing some 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fourteen Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Stresses* the importance of hiring Haitian nationals against national posts in the Mission, taking into account the need to promote national capacity-building and in order to bring to the Mission experience and knowledge of the local culture, language, traditions and institutions, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure accurate and timely posting of vacancy announcements for national staff on the Mission website;

11. *Expresses deep concern* over the continuing high vacancy rate in the Mission, especially in the National temporary positions, and its negative impact on the work of the Mission;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to speed up the recruitment process in order to fill vacancies in an expeditious and efficient manner, in particular in National temporary positions;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mission increases procurement opportunities for local vendors;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the efficient, expeditious and full implementation of the total amount allocated to quick-impact projects for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in submitting his next budget proposal for the Mission, to fully review current needs assessment on the ground regarding quick-impact projects, taking into account the related guidelines of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat on quick-impact projects;

16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the coordination among the Mission, the United Nations country team and other United Nations entities, including in addressing the root causes of unexpected emergencies, such as the situation resulting from the cholera outbreak;

17. *Notes* that no provision for resources has been included in the budget for 2010/11 to cover expenses relating to the support provided by the Mission to ensure the welfare and well-being of personnel of the Mission in the context of the cholera outbreak, and requests the Secretary-General to strengthen efforts in this regard;

18. *Recognizes* the important role of the expanded community violence reduction approach in the post-earthquake context, in particular in assisting the displaced people and those living in violence-affected neighbourhoods;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make use of the resources available for provision of logistical and technical expertise to assist the Government of Haiti, as mandated by Security Council resolutions 1927 (2010) of 4 June 2010 and 1944 (2010) of 14 October 2010, so as to ensure that activities proceed swiftly in this regard;

20. *Decides* to allocate the amount of 1,563,905 dollars for the provision of support to the Office of the United Nations Special Envoy for Haiti;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276 and 64/269;

22. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

23. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

24. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti the amount of 853,827,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, inclusive of the amount of 380 million dollars previously authorized for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2010, and in addition to the total amount of 23,041,700 dollars previously appropriated for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 under the terms of General Assembly resolution 64/278;

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25. *Also decides*, taking into account the amount of 380 million dollars already apportioned for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2010 under the terms of its resolution 64/278, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 473,827,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010 and 2011, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

26. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 25 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 9,094,700 dollars, representing the estimated additional staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;

27. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

28. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

29. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

30. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-fifth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti".